WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1   1.   A method of booking, comprising:
2   entering at least one booking query at an ATM interface by a customer;
3   gathering selected booking information in response to the booking query and displaying gathered
4   booking information at ATM 12 interface;
5   selecting a booking from the displayed gathered booking information by the customer at ATM 12
6   interface; and
7   receiving a confirmation of selected gathered booking information at ATM 12 interface.

1   2.   The method of claim 1, wherein ATM includes a display screen and function display
2   keys.

1   3.   The method of claim 1, further comprising:
2   registering the customer with a host.

1   4.   The method of claim 1, wherein the host gathers the selected booking information.

1   5.   The method of claim 4, further comprising:
2   directing the gathered booking information by the host to ATM.

1   6.   The method of claim 3, wherein the customer completes a customer profile upon
2   registration with the host.

1   7.   The method of claim 3, wherein the booking as an airline ticket booking.

1   8.   The method of claim 3, wherein the booking is selected from at least one of, stocks, fixed
2   deposit investments, gaming, a musical event, , sporting event and a theatrical production.

1   9.   The method of claim 7, further comprising:
2   displaying a list of departure cities by the host at ATM 12 in response to a request by the
3   customer to book an airline ticket.

1   10.   The method of claim 9, further comprising:
2   selecting by the customer at ATM a city a departure city from the list of departure cities.

1   11.   The method of claim 9, further comprising:
2   displaying a list of destination cities by the host at the ATM.

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1   12.   The method of claim 9, further comprising:

2   selecting a class of travel by the customer at the ATM.

1   13.   The method of claim 9, further comprising:

2   selecting a type of travel by the customer at the ATM defined as one way, round way and

3 multiple stop over.

1   14.   The method of claim 9, further comprising:

2 displaying an itinerary by the host of the airline ticket booking at the ATM.

1   15.   The method of claim 14, wherein the itinerary is editable by the customer.

1   16.   The method of claim 14, further comprising:

2 checking availability of the itinerary of the airline booking by the host.

1   17.   The method of claim 16, further comprising:

2   displaying availability of the itinerary of the airline booking by the host at the ATM.

1   18.   The method of claim 17., further comprising:

2   booking the itinerary of the airline booking by the customer at the ATM.

1   19.   The method of claim 18, further comprising:

2   entering a method of payment for the itinerary of the airline booking by the customer at the ATM.

1   20.   The method of claim 1, wherein entered selected booking information airline travel

2 information is selected from at least one of, a departure city, a destination city, and a class of travel.

1   21.   The method of claim 1, wherein the gathered booking information includes airline travel

2 information selected at least one of, a departure city from a list of departure cities, a destination city from

3 a list of destination cities, class of travel, and a fare.

1   22.   The method of claim 1, further comprising:

2   formatting the at least one booking query by the host system as a string of commands that the

3 provider system can interact with;

4   creating a first response to the booking query by the provider system;

5   sorting the first response by the host system to create the gather information; and

6   providing the gathered booking information to the ATM for review by the customer.

1   23.   The method of claim 1, wherein receiving a confirmation of selected gathered booking

2   information is provides a confirmation between an airline and a customer.

1   24.   The method of claim 1, wherein the booking selected is an airline booking.

1   25.   The method of claim 1, wherein the booking selected is selected from at least one of,

2   travel arrangements, airline tickets, purchase and/or sale of stocks and other equities, purchase and sale of

3   fixed deposit investments, gaming, musical events, sporting events, theatrical productions and media

4   subscriptions.

1   26.   The method of claim 1, wherein the gathered booking information includes a plurality of

2   airline flight schedules and a plurality of airline fares.

1   27.   The method of claim 1, further comprising:

2   entering a customer identifier at the ATM prior to entering the desired booking information.

1   28.   The method of claim 1, wherein the booking is a book and hold.

1   29.   The method of claim 1, wherein the booking is a book and issue.

2   providing a help line to assist in bookings.

1   30.   The method of claim 1, further comprising:

2   debiting an account of the customer for purchased bookings.

1   31.   The method of claim 30, further comprising:

2   reversing debiting of the account if the purchased bookings are cancelled within a guideline.

1   32.   The method of claim 30, wherein the account of the customer is selected from at least one

2   of a checking account, savings account and a credit card account.

1   33.   The method of claim 1, wherein selecting the booking creates a transaction between the

2   customer and a booking provider.

1   34.   The method of claim 33, further comprising:

2   reversing the booking.

1   35.   The method of claim 1, wherein the confirmation of selected gathered booking

2   information includes a travel itinerary.

1   36.   The method of claim 1, wherein the confirmation of selected gathered booking

2   information includes an option to purchase or cancel.

1   37.   The method of claim 1, further comprising:

2   selecting by the customer a financial institution for payment of purchased bookings.

1   38.   A system for booking, comprising:

2   an ATM interface;

3   a host system coupled to the ATM interface;

4   a product provider system coupled to the host system, wherein in response to a booking query

5   received by the host system from a customer, the host system queries the product provider system, and the

6   product provider system provides responses to the host system relative to the queries.; and

7   a financial service system coupled to the host system.

1   39.   The system of claim 38, wherein the product system includes at least one product

2   provider system server and at least one product provider system database, and the host system includes at

3   least one host system server and at least one host system database.

1   40.   The system of claim 39, wherein the product provider system database includes listings

2   of at least one of, airline boarding cities, airline destination cities, airlines, flight numbers, times of airline

3   departures and airline fares.

1   41.   The system of claim 39, wherein the host system database includes received customer

2   information and access codes to the product provider system database.

1   42.   The system of claim 39, wherein the host system database includes customer profiles.

1   43.   The system of claim 39, wherein in response to a customer selecting booking information

2   the host system is configured to provide availability and booking information.

1   44.   The system of claim 39, wherein the host system is configured to,

2   receive a booking request from a customer, send at least a portion of the request to a centralized

3   reservation system, receives data relative to the booking request from the centralized reservation system,

4   and filter at least a portion of the data received from the centralized reservation system.

1   45.   The system of claim 39, wherein the host system database includes information about

2   airlines flight schedules, airline flight routes, airline flight departure and arrival times, and fares.

1   46.   The system of claim 39, wherein in response to a customer booking query, host system is
2   configured to route the query to a reservations server.

1   47.   The system of claim 46, wherein host system sorts data that is polled in response to the
2   query and produces a booking output.

1   48.   The system of claim 47, wherein host system attaches fares with the booking output.

1   49.   The system of claim 38, wherein the host system and product provider system
2   communication several times in response to a booking query received by the host system from a
3   customer.

1   50.   The system of claim 38, wherein the financial service system includes at least one
2   financial service system server and at least one financial service system database.

1   51.   The system of claim 50, wherein the financial service system database includes financial
2   information about a customer including customer name, customer account number, customer access code,
3   and a balance of a customer account.

1   52.   The system of claim 51, wherein the financial service system database includes financial
2   information including a balance of a host system account.

1   53.   A computer based system that enables a customer to executes a booking for a product or
2   service at an ATM, comprising:
3   a first processor that receives a query from a customer at the ATM for booking information
4   relative to a product or service;
5   a second processor coupled to the first processor and to the ATM, the second processor
6   configured to provide a first booking information to the first processor in response to a request made by
7   the second processor to the first processor, the first processor producing a second booking information in
8   response to receipt of the first booking information and forwarding the second booking information to the
9   customer at the ATM; and
10   a third processor coupled to the second processor, the third processor configured to assist in
11   providing financial settlement on behalf of the customer for a purchase made by the customer of a
12   booking, where the purchase of the booking is in response to second booking information.

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1   54.   The system of claim 53, wherein the first processor is a product provider system
2   processor that includes a database of booking information for at least one product or service.

1   55.   The system of claim 54, wherein the second processor is a host system processor.

1   56.   The system of claim 55, wherein the third processor is a financial services system
2   processor.

1   57.   The system of claim 54, wherein the product provider system database includes listings
2   of airline boarding cities, airline destination cities, airlines, flight numbers, times of airline departures
3   and airline fares.

1   58.   The system of claim 53, wherein the first booking information and the second booking in
2   formation are the same.

1   59.   The system of claim 53, wherein the first information is received from centralized
2   reservation system and the second information is information that the host system receives from the
3   centralized filtering the information and then filters the information.

1   60.   The system of claim 53, wherein the first booking information and the second booking
2   information are different.

1   61.   The system of claim 53. wherein the second booking information includes information
2   from the first booking information.

1   62.   A method for booking a purchase of a product or service to an ATM   comprising:
2   entering at least one booking query at an ATM interface by customer:
3   implementing a gathering of selected booking information in response to the booking
4   query:
5   implementing selection of booking from the displayed gathered booking information by
6   the customer at the ATM interface:
7   implementing receipt of a confirmation of selected gathered booking information at the
8   ATM interface:

1   63.   The method of claim 62, further comprising:
2   implementing registration of the customer with a host.

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1   64.   The method of claim 63 further comprising:

2   implementing the steps of directing the gathered booking information by the host to the ATM.

1   65. The method of claim 62 further comprising:

2   implementing a method of payment for a purchased product or service through the ATM

1   66.   An ATM device for booking a purchase of a product or service through an ATM,

2   comprising:

3   a display;

4   an ATM interface coupled to the display;

5   function display keys coupled to the ATM interface; and

6   a computer·program that

7   implements a gathering of selected booking information in response to the booking query by a

8   customer;

9   implements selection of a booking from the displayed gathered booking information by the

10   customer at the ATM interface; and

11   implements receipt of a confirmation of selected gathered booking information at the ATM

12   interface.

1   67.   A computer readable medium having stored thereon instructions which, when executed

2   by a processor, causes the processor to perform:

3   executing a first application including gathering selected booking information in response to the

4   booking query and displaying gathered booking information at the ATM interface;

5   executing a second application including selecting a booking from the displayed gathered

6   booking information by the customer at the ATM interface; and

7   executing a third application including receiving a confirmation of selected gathered booking

8   information at the ATM interface.

1   68.   A computer based system that implements bookings in response to a booking query made

2   at an ATM interface by a customer, comprising:

3   a first processor that produces selected booking information in response to the booking query

4   made by a customer at an ATM; and

5   a second processor that selects a booking from the displayed gathered booking information by the

6   customer at the ATM interface, wherein a confirmation of selected gathered booking information is

7   received at the ATM interface.

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